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I went for a run today–continuing my return to a practice that I had gotten away from–and part of my ongoing efforts to turn the corner and transcend

When I started in tech sales circa 2007, one of the first things they said in training was, you don't want to sound like vendor verbal vomit. This blog is vendor verbal vomit. The only thing I have to sell is sin, confusion, blindness, vice, disorder, profanity, despair, and death. I hear that sometimes the Holy Spirit uses this

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Stigma is not changed directly: “Change your opinion about X.” It probably has to be changed by a life disruption that triggers a more comprehensive shift in perception.

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Here’s a quick AI summary. I hope it helps someone.

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a matrix of challenges that I have been living in for quite a while now. In my life, there is no more solid, grounding spiritual practice than the Rosary. That’s why I again turned to the Rosary during my run to clear my head and mind. The Rosary isn’t an abstract mystical prayer. It is an extended meditation on concrete events in the life of Christ. Traditionally there are collections of specific events in the life of Christ that are prayed on set days of the week. But you can add your own. One of my favorite additions is Saint Joseph trying to find a job after the flight to Egypt–something that I’m dealing with myself right now. Another–a 5 year old Jesus in Saint Joseph’s home office (aka carpentry shop) while Joseph is trying to get some work done. The traditional ones are a lifeline too–“the carrying of the cross” for example. Jesus was carrying his own cross that he was to be executed on–after he had already been scourged and mocked. It was so bad that Jesus kept falling down and the soldiers made Simon of Cyrene carry the cross. And that’s where I really sink my teeth in. I try to literally attach my sufferings (Cf. Colossians 1:24) to the hell that Jesus was literally living through. Jesus is trying to do the ultimate right thing, but it’s so bad that he literally can’t stand up and no one would help him until the soldiers intervened–and they were the ones who were putting

collage of cliches and foolishness to do some good.

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him to death! The whole scene is a total clusterfuck! I can definitely relate! And I attach the elements of the clusterfuck that I'm living in to the elements of the clusterfuck that Jesus was living in–and then my burden gets lifted. I'm not the only one going through something like this. Jesus Christ lived through this kind of shit too. I can anchor my experience in Christ's experience. Some people would say that this gives it meaning… but I'm happy just to be able to tag it and anchor it somewhere concrete so that I get it to leave me the fuck alone psychologically for a half second. And the more of the shit that I'm going through that I tag and anchor in the life of Christ, the more grounded I feel. And then I can start to integrate those experiences into a larger whole–but rather than just my own life to work with–I can integrate my experiences into the life of Christ and to the corporate meditations on His life throughout history. Maybe it gives it meaning, maybe not. But it gives me a time-tested spiritual practice that is concrete and specific and allows me to grapple with my problems head-on through the life of Christ.

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It's not believe or burn...it's [existentially] burn or [come to] believe.

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I was having dinner at the Cracker Barrel many years ago with a friend who said to me: "I'm no longer believe-or-burn," referring to that conception of Christianity which teaches that until

If we're going to focus on something irrelevant to the gospel, I think that we could come up with something better than western civilization. August 11, 2025
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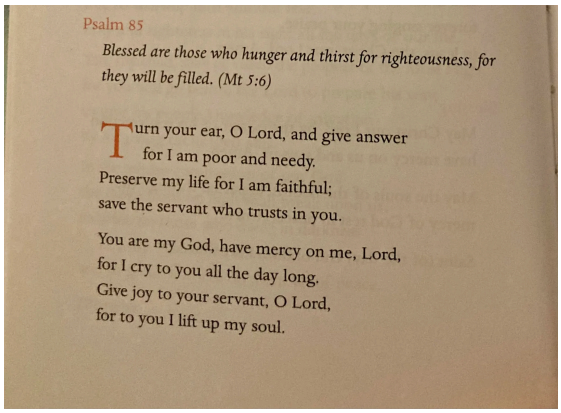
you make a sacrifice of the intellect and believe certain propositions at face value you will burn in hell after you die. No need to rehash that whole thing– however it is an interesting metaphor.

I love those Christus Victor icons of Christ literally pulling people out of hell.

Existentially that is what Christ has done for me. But for Christ's action–all day every day–I would be in existential hell–all day every day.



Psalm 85

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. (Mt 5:6)

Turn your ear, O Lord, and give answer
for I am poor and needy.
Preserve my life for I am faithful;
save the servant who trusts in you.

You are my God, have mercy on me, Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
Give joy to your servant, O Lord,
for to you I lift up my soul.

here are some one-liners I pulled from the archives August 8, 2025

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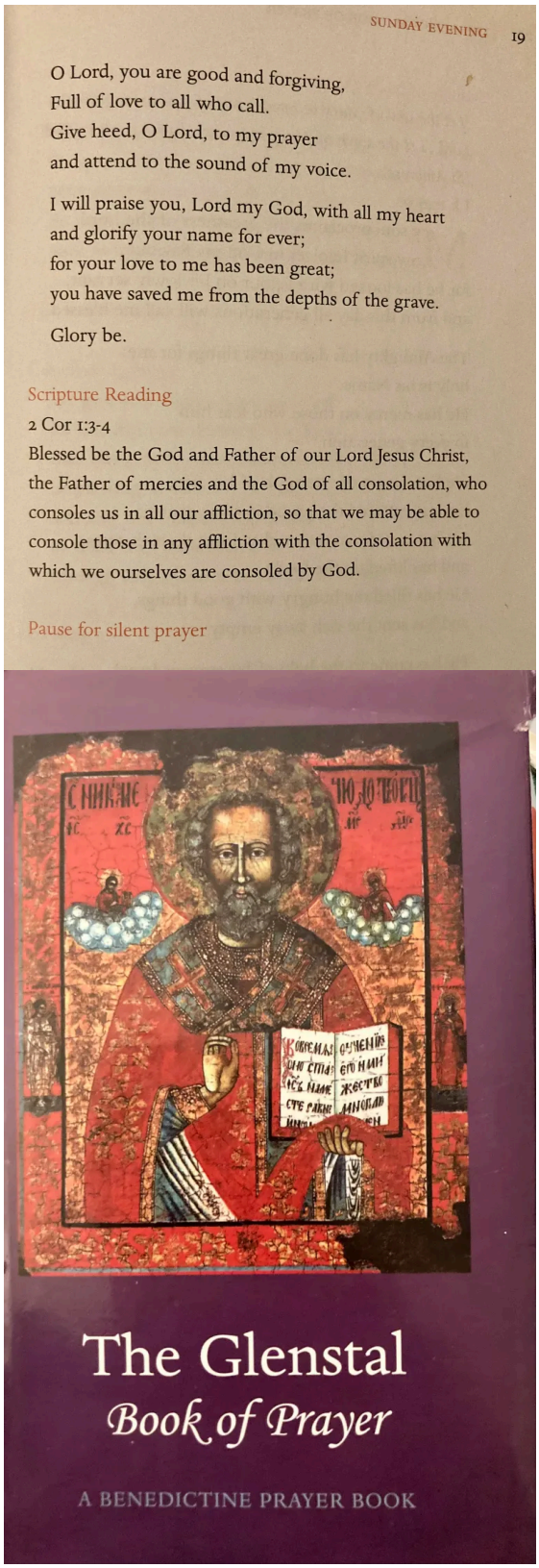
Discuss what these sources say about Core Theological Concepts, in the larger context of Boyd



SUNDAY EVENING 19

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
Full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart
and glorify your name for ever;
for your love to me has been great;
you have saved me from the depths of the grave.

Glory be.

Scripture Reading

2 Cor 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.

Pause for silent prayer

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1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

2 And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry.

3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

4 But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone,but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple,

6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge of you,'and 'On their hands they will bear you up,lest you strike your foot against a stone.' "

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7 Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’ “

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them;

9 and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”

10 Then Jesus said to him, “Begone, Satan! for it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your Godand him only shall you serve.’ “

11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Matthew 4:1-11 RSV-CE

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All in?

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spiritually speaking (i.e. not self harm) you have to really die before you can be resurrected.

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that’s why *spiritually speaking* following Christ will kill you.

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Go to market with the good new$.

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If the gospel is good news for the poor, how much should we charge for it?

Maybe we could do a freemium model?

We could try for some corporate sponsorships to underwrite our go-to-market efforts—especially if we align ourselves with the initiatives of their philanthropic arms.

We have to focus on *process* and *scale.* The key is to get in sync with the latest wave of technology.

For example, in the first wave (the development of agriculture and the shift from nomadic hunter-gatherer communities to settled communities)

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stumbled across this–It's not just about being single or married, it's about the joy of understanding our life

people would sow seeds *by hand* in a scattered and relatively *unstructured* way.

There was no *process optimization,* no analysis of organizational structure and NO DATA!

Fortunately we're in a much better situation today. Just think of all the technology that we can leverage! In fact most of our efforts will require no human contact at all!

And for those efforts that still do require human interaction, we have distilled the message down to easy-to-understand talking points and proof-texts designed to trigger specific emotions in various market segments and in the GTM team.

Once we get the playbook more-or-less figured out, we should be able to expand into adjacent markets and/or set up a franchise model—while also creating product lines for related consumer goods and a consulting practice for existing vendors.

Ok, let's say a quick prayer and get started!

He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of

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I had a professor in college who—anytime he had a mental slip—would say: "I only made one mistake, and that was once when I thought I did." 🤣🤣 July 26, 2025
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prayer'; but you make it a den of robbers." Matthew 21:13

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Excuse me!?

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I have a **bone to pick** with this reflection. It says the following:

> "Why do you follow Jesus? It's important to consider your motivations at times. Some choose to follow Jesus because this was simply the way they were raised. Others do so because it makes them feel better to do so. And still others do so because they think it will make their lives better in various ways. But what is the ideal motivation for following our Lord? **The ideal motivation for following Jesus in a total and unwavering way is very simple: we follow Him because He is the Son of God and the Savior of the World.** Jesus came to call us to Himself and has invited us to

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> live in union with Him through faith. So ideally, we will follow Jesus simply because it is the right thing to do. We will not do so because of the so-called benefits. Love, in its purest form, does not love the other because of what we get out of it. Pure love is a gift given to another because they are worthy of our love. And with Jesus, He is worthy of our love and worship simply because of Who He is."

For most of us today these words are meaningless and empty. Son of God? What God? The God responsible for *this* reality that we are living in?! He is *this* God's son?! Ok I'll try not to hold it against him, but I've got a lot on my schedule–what business do I have with him?

The Savior of the World? *This* world?! Are you kidding me? Do I really need to start listing examples of the horrors and the hangnails that all of us deal with every day?

So I'm supposed to follow this guy because he is the son of the God of *this* world and he has allegedly *saved* this world? Are you smoking crack?

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"The ideal motivation" for following Jesus is the same motivation that the poor and the outcast who followed Jesus from the beginning had. He preached a *way* to live in this world with self-possession, peace and even joy–regardless of what the oppressors *du jour* came up with next. He kept teaching over and over. He exposed the hypocrisy of the proud phonies over and over. He spoke truth to power and he didn't back down one inch–even though it cost him his life. He lived the way he taught to the nth degree. He walked the walk of the way that he taught so well–that people started to realize that He himself was the Way. He was teaching from his *person.* He embodied the Way of liberation so well that people realized that his very being is the Way. They loved him for it. And they started keeping his commandments just like he told them. And it created this whole virtuous snowball of love and liberation (mixed in with a lot of bullshit–just as he predicted) that the smartypants theologians still can't get their arms around.

And the good news is that none of that has changed. The world is still wicked and the way of peace and joy and self-possession and living free–regardless of what the powerful douchebags do next–is still available to follow. And it

common advice goes? Did anyone in the Christian tradition, whether it's St. Thomas or St. Ignatius of Loyola, or the Popes, or any of the saints, did any of them follow this put-yourself-first advice? And what about codependency? July 16, 2025
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still terminates in the person of Jesus (and His Father).

"Fire. God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, not of the philosophers and the scholars. I will not forget thy word. Amen." — Blaise Pascal

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Attention clergy and theologians– Christ still wants to touch us. Don't stop Him.

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Posted on July 1, 2024 by Boyd Camak, hypocrite with logs in my eyes. (Matthew 7:3-5) Admiring the counterintuitive way. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

Faith in the incarnation, the Word made *flesh* does not imply offense at bread made flesh (Eucharist) or at grace from sacramentals such as a rosary or holy water. It implies the opposite. Clergy who forbid physical

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access to Christ are forbidding access to Christ.

This is a big part of why eastern philosophy and religion are popular. If you choose to cope with the human condition through the mind alone– Buddhism, Taoism, etc. are much better at that than a mutation of Christianity.

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